

**38892 to 38968**—Contd. (Quoted notes by Mr. Dorsett and others.)

very hardy and free growing. *P. viridi-glaucescens* is the only species with which, in the adult stage, it is likely to be confused, and from that species it is distinguished by the mottled leaf sheaths (in *P. viridi-glaucescens* they are simply striated or tinged with purple), by the larger leaves, and longer branches.

“Var. *marliacea* (*P. marliacea* Mitford). Marliac's bamboo. A form distinguished by the curious wrinkling of the stems, especially towards the base. It does not appear to be so vigorous as the species, and behaves more like *P. mitis* in regard to hardiness.” (*W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 2, p. 152, under P. quilloi.*)

**38921. ARUNDINARIA SIMONII VARIEGATA** Hooker.

“Stems up to 18 feet high, round, very hollow, from 1 to 1½ inches in diameter at the base, the outer ones arching outwards. Stem sheaths rather persistent, the largest 8 to 10 inches long, purplish when young, hairy at the margins, very glazed within. Leaves narrow oblong, broadly wedge shaped at the base, with long, tapered points, 3 to 12 inches long, one-third to 1½ inches wide, vivid green above, glaucous on one side of the midrib beneath, rather greener the other; secondary veins 4 to 7 each side of the midrib.

“Native of China, introduced to France by M. Simon in 1862. A very vigorous bamboo, which spreads rapidly by means of its underground suckers, and, with the exception of *A. fastuosa*, the tallest of our hardy sorts. It bears some resemblance to that species (but differs in the more persistent stem sheaths, in the lack of short, crowded branches at each joint, and in its less tufted habit, as well as in its rampant underground suckers). *A. simonii* flowered all over the country between 1903 and 1905. For many years previous to these dates odd stems had flowered and occasionally borne seed without any damage to the plants, but then came the flowering of the entire plants, none of which ever recovered. In gardens now *A. simonii* is only known by small plants raised from the seed then obtained.

“Var. *variegata* Hooker (*Bambusa albo-striata* Hort.). In this variety some of the leaves are striped with white, the leaves so marked being very small and narrow. The full-sized green leaves do not differ from those of the type. This variety has not yet flowered, except partially, in this country. It is of little value.” (*W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 1, p. 219.*)

**38922. BAMBOS** sp.**B. 6.****38923 to 38927. MUSA PARADISIACA SAPIENTUM (L.) Kuntze.** Musaceæ.

Banana.

“Presented by Dr. V. A. Argollo Ferrão.

“A collection of bananas from Bahia, Brazil. This collection comprises the most important varieties cultivated at Bahia.”

**38923. Anã** or *d'Agua*.